

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Applicant and his attorney wish to express their gratitude to Examiner Befumo for the courtesy and assistance she extended during the recent personal interview. As stated on the Examiner Interview Summary Record, Applicant agreed to amend claims 11 and 27 to state that the fabric is treated with a size composition according to a pattern that substantially "prevents the first yarn from being napped" from the surface of the fabric. As indicated on the Examiner Interview Summary Record, an agreement was reached that the above amendment patentably defines the claims over Shimizu, et al., Dischler, et al. and Hepfinger.

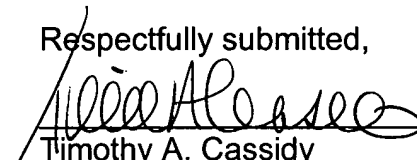
As such, it is believed that the present application is in complete condition for allowance. Should any issues remain after consideration of this amendment, however, then Examiner Befumo is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned at her convenience.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 04-1403.

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Respectfully submitted,



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